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KHPA Responds to Testimony Regarding Inspector General *Agency Asks Attorney General to Conduct Independent Review*

(TOPEKA) – The Kansas Health Policy Authority announced today it will be asking Attorney General Stephen Six for an Attorney General’s opinion as to whether the KHPA was acting within its statutory authority in how it managed its relationship with its Office of Inspector General.

The request will be submitted by KHPA Board Chairman Joe Tilghman (TILL-man), and comes in response to testimony delivered today before the Senate Ways and Means Committee. That committee held a hearing today on S.B. 141, which would transfer the Office of Inspector General to the Division of Legislative Post audit.

“We believe the staff and Board of KHPA have acted in the public’s best interest and in full accordance with the law,” Tilghman said. “Today, though, the former Inspector General (IG) raised some questions about how the Office of Inspector General conducted its work relative to the KHPA Board. We think the best way to handle it is to have someone from the outside conduct an independent review and tell us whether changes need to be made.”

“The Kansas Health Policy Authority is committed to complying fully with the letter and spirit of the law,” Tilghman said. “We have every confidence that the Attorney General’s office can conduct a thorough, fair and professional review. We will accept their conclusions and fully abide by whatever recommendations they make.”

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